


SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT
August 4, 2023
1:30 PM
2nd FLOOR COURTROOM
BROOKS COUNTY COURTHOUSE

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this day, the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Brooks County, Texas met in Special Term therein the City of Falfurrias in the 2nd floor Courtroom of the Brooks County Courthouse:

OPEN MEETING -Judge Eric Ramos opened the meeting at 1:44 PM 

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-was led by Judge Eric Ramos

ROLL CALL-Judge Eric Ramos called for roll call:

Present: Eric Ramos, County Judge,
Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1,
Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2,
Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3,
Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4.

Absent: Elvaray B. Silvas, County Clerk.

Staff Present: Missy A Saavedra, Deputy Clerk

AGENDA

1. Public Comments 

There were no public comments.

2. Discuss Consider and act on approving a Resolution to improve the Brooks County


Airport. 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos read resolution in open Court.

Motion: to approve Resolution, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2, **Seconded by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1. Motion passed unanimously. **(on file)**

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

3. Discuss, Consider and Act on approving the Operation Lone Star Resolution grant number 4379302. (Submitted by Urbino (Benny) Martinez) 


Honorable Judge Eric Ramos read resolution in open Court.

Motion: to approve resolution, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, **Seconded by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2. Motion passed unanimously. (on file)

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.


Elvaray B. Silvas, County & District Clerk joined the meeting at 1:50 PM.

5. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$6,625.00 from 012-5-0409-5417 (Grant Matching) to 012-5-0409-5417 (Autopsy) 

Motion: to approve line item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, **Seconded by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).


Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

4. Discuss, Consider and Act on Transferring \$115.00 from 012-5-0497-5550 Out of County Travel; to 012-5-0497-9080 Registration fees. (Submitted by Alan Hernandez) 

Motion: to approve line item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, **Seconded by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).


Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

6. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$2,500 (Prof. Fees - Legal), \$2,500 012-5-0409-9070 (Misc.) and \$3,000.00 from 012-5-0426-5484 (CRT APPT Attys - Criminal) to 012-5-0409-5410 (Prof. Fees - Auditing) 

Motion: to approve line item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, **Seconded by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).


Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

7. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$1,000.00 from 012-5-0409-5417 (Grant Matching) to 012-5-0510-5120 (Janitorial Supplies) 

Motion: to approve line item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, **Seconded by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).


Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

8. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$500.00 from 012-5-0400-9010 (Membership dues), \$300.00 from 012-5-0400-9080 (Registration fees) and \$400.00 from 012-5-0409-5550 (Out of County Exp) to 012-5-0400-5550 (Out of County Exp.) 

Motion: to approve line item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, **Seconded by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).


Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

9. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$1,000.00 from 012-5-0426-9095 (Mental Commitments) to 012-5-0510-5805 (Lawn Maint.) 

Motion: to approve line item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, **Seconded by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.


10. Discuss, Consider and Act on an interlocal agreement with the City of Falfurrias to repair roads within the city limits. 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos mentioned to the Court that the City is still working on the agreement so asked to pass this item until its ready.

Motion: to table, **Action:** Table, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, **Seconded by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

11. Discuss, Consider and Act on going out for bids to repair streets within the city limits. 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos mentioned that even though the City is still working on the Interlocal Agreement, he asked the Court to approve to go out for bids.

Motion: to start the bidding process, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, **Seconded by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

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12. Budget Workshop

The Court discussed several items for the upcoming budget:

- No changes to budget as of now and will be approving the proposed budget at the regular meeting (**on file**); the Court reviewed the last page \$563,563.41 to have a balanced budget short to complete the budget, but have monies in CD's to cover most of the cost;
 - Angela Perez informed the Court that we have 2 million dollars in the general fund, \$1,675,00 for the Road and Bridge and \$100,000 for the Health/Drug in CD's; estimated a county medical increase of \$20,000; page 13 of the packet stating that the General fund will be subsidizing funding for the airport/ juvenile grant (county match of \$60,000 for Juvenile Department grant) ; subsidize for the Landfill, the consolidation Fund (tax office pay increase and fridges)
 - Took back employees to the Road and Bridge and cutting back the allotted monies for road purposes per Commissioners; Prosecutor grant monies / applying for Operation Lone Star; 3 Attorneys and their secretaries, discussed housing of the employees at the Blumer Building- 3rd floor; 4 clerks, court coordinator and someone for the sheriff's department (bond person) ; a slight raise for the District Attorney Investigator and a \$3,000 increase for the two secretaries in that office;
 - No funds for the COLA at the moment, but will look into it
 - Anna Garcia needs more monies for election purposes. Ms. Garcia asked the Court on behalf of Salvation Army for a donation;
 - Katy Salinas addressed the Court in reference to raising retirement rates; group life policy if employee is retired beneficiary will get only \$5,000 if employee is still an employee, beneficiary will receive a lump sum of current salary.
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13. Adjourn

Motion: to adjourn at 2:17 PM, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, **Seconded by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

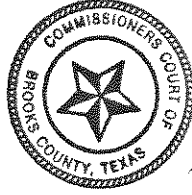
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The preceding minutes beginning on page _____ and ending on page _____, of the Commissioners' Court Minutes Volume _____, read and approved in the Honorable Commissioners' Court this 23rd day of February, 2024, A.D.


APPROVED:



County Judge



ATTESTED:



County Clerk